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June 10, 2002

Mr. Joseph R. Bistrski, District Ranger  
Ashley National Forest  
Duchesne Ranger District  
P. O. Box 981  
Duchesne, Utah 84021

Re: Amended Plan of Operations, Decision Notice, and Finding of No Significant Impact; Uintah Mountain Copper Corporation; Sunshine Quartz/Hematite Project; S/013/002; Duchesne County; Utah

Dear Mr. Bistrski:

On April 10, 2002, this Division received a copy of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the referenced project. Last January, we notified you of certain items that need to be included in the plan of operations before we can approve it. Although the environmental assessment addresses these issues, we cannot use environmental assessments as mine plans because they give options for consideration rather than specific commitments and because they do not give the detail needed for the plan. To our knowledge, the plan of operations has not been updated.

The following text is from our January letter:

There are two issues that we feel still need to be resolved. The Plan of Operations received by the Forest Service on September 4, 2001, says, "Any additional topsoil needed to establish vegetation and prevent short-term erosion will be borrowed from local sites as recommended by the USFS at the time of work." If there is going to be a borrow area, it needs to be shown on appropriate maps, and we need to have an operation and reclamation plan for the area. If this is a conceptual plan that would require further detail to be implemented, the plan of operations needs to contain a statement to that effect.

The acreage figures shown in the plan of operations for the total disturbed/used area are:

Access/Spur Roads	1.62 acres
Camp Site	1.26 acres
Mine Pit Area	0.05 acres
Total	3.17 acres.

There appears to be an arithmetic error in these numbers: adding the first three figures gives 2.93 acres, a difference of 0.24 acres. The acreage figures need to be corrected.

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Please let us know when you receive this information so we can give final approval for this project. If you have any questions about these comments, please call me at 801-538-5261 or Doug Jensen at 801-538-5382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul B. Baker  
Senior Reclamation Biologist.

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cc: Peter Kandar, Uintah Mountain Copper Co  
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